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A royal welcome for the HRM King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima











ORANJESTAD -- Islanders of every stripe and back-ground lined the sidewalks of L.G. Smith Boulevard in Oranjestad yesterday morning to greet HRM King Willem-Alexander and his wife HRM Queen Maxima, during the official welcome of their first visit to the island since ascending the throne last April.

The monarchs are not strangers to Aruba, having enjoyed a visit with then Queen Beatrix two years ago in 2011. Beatrix abdicated in favor of her son the day before the national holiday of Queen's Day, April 30, when he was inaugurated.

The royal couple is completing their six-island tour of the Dutch Caribbean territories. They were officially greeted by Aruba's Prime Minister M. G. Eman, and the monarch's appointed representative on Aruba, Governor Fredis Refunjol, before HRM King Willem-Alexander performed a ritual inspection of an honor guard from the

Royal Dutch Marines stationed on Aruba A sampling of island music was provided by Etty Toppenberg and the Tutti-Frutti Children's Choral led by Maybelline Arends-Croes Club di Movimiento performed traditional folklone dance.

They were then escorted into Governor Refunjol offices, were they met with his cabinet. From there they were welcomed into Parliament, where they met with the newly inaugurated Cabinet of Ministers and members of Parliament. They were officially greeted by Parliamentary Chairperson Marisol Lopez-Tromp. The ceremonial welcome ended with them conferring with Prime Minister Eman in his offices and receiving a tour of the newly completed annex to the government offices.

Today, the king and queen will enjoy a "Royal Jump Up" with elementary school children at the Guillermo Trinidad Stadium on the eastern outskirts of Oranjestad.

Two royal visits or "Bishita Real" in Papiamento, within two years, is a rare and exciting opportunity for island residents to demonstrate their affection for this very popular king and Queen HRM Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima were greeted with enthusiasm by all ages, decked out in the colors of their royal linage, The House of Orange-Nassau.

(See more photo coverage on pg 2)



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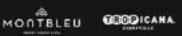
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Quota Club focusses on our children in need in connection with International Children's Day



Janine Rodriguez of Bureau Slachtoffershulp received the stuffed animals from Quota's President Simons

ORANJESTAD -- Children's Day is recognized on various days in many places around the world, to honor children globally. It was first proclaimed by the World Conference for the Well-being of Children in 1925 and then established universally in 1954 to protect an "appropriate" day. Major global variants include a Universal Children's Day on November 20, by United Nations recommenda-

Commemorating this important day Quota Club decided to give special attention by treating our children who are going through difficult times at the moment. They presented the kids with cookies and stuffed animals.

Many of these kids end up at the department for aid to victims (Bureau Slachtoffershulp) Hospital or the Emergency Room.

Ivi Simons, President of Quota shared that Quota really have these children in their hearts and wanted to try and put smile on their faces, if only for a moment.

Quota will also be visiting special school 'Scol Scucha Nos'where for many years Ouota Club has been animating these special kids with a Sinterklaas and Zwarte Piet happening.

Quota supports all children and believes that parents must be able to give their kids more attention and love. Love and attention is the base of a good upbringing as the children will grow up to become loving and caring adults.

Congratulations to all children on their day!

Aruba Ports Authority gives clients one more reason to choose the Port of Oranjestad

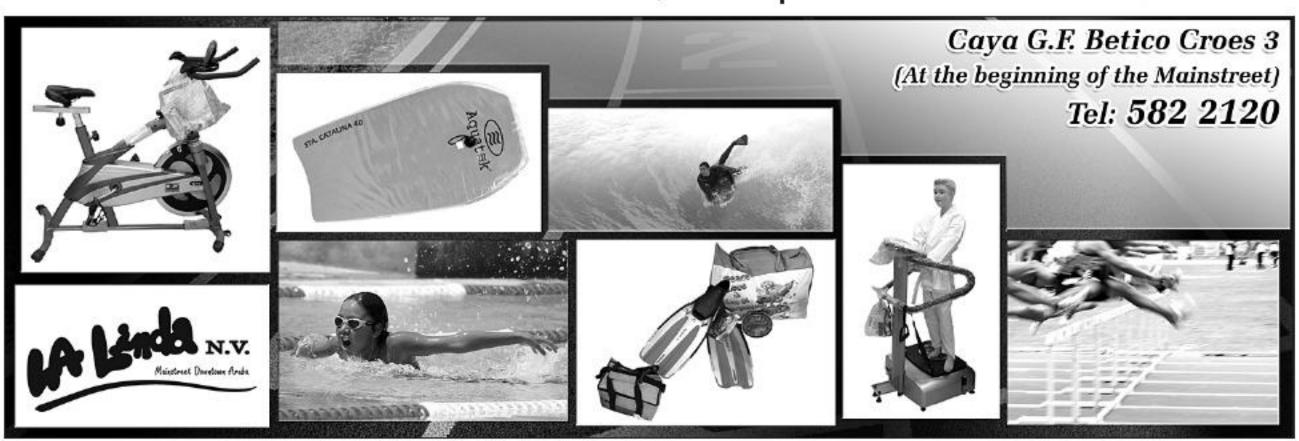


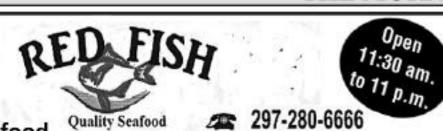
ORANJESTAD -- After signing a letter of intent a year ago to work together with the Aruba Investment Bank on a feasibility study and a possible partnership, Aruba Ports Authority Director, Alfonso Boekhoudt and Curoil Director Yamil Lasten formalized a bunkering agreement between Curoil and Aruba Ports Authority on Monday, November 18th, 2013.

In 2011 APA introduced a summer incentive package to attract more ships during the low season (May through September) which consists of discounts on the Cruise Passenger Fee (CPF), Wharfage Fee, and Pilotage Fee. The program has been very advantageous to our clients producing increased Summer Savings for them and growing the port's arrivals since its inception during the summer months. In addi-

tion to the value added package, the port also offers reduced water prices since December 1st, 2013 and starting November 2013, bunkering possibilities.

The analysis conducted by (AIB) confirmed that the bunkering services would be beneficial for both companies making our port more attractive for cruise liners and the shipping industry in general. The signing of the agreement will benefit the Aruban economy and create additional possibilities for Curoil to expand its services. Both gentlemen look forward to a fruitful outcome of this understanding.





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Russia releases Dutch Greenpeace activists on bail

Two Dutch activists with environmental organisation Greenpeace have been released on bail from prison in Russia.

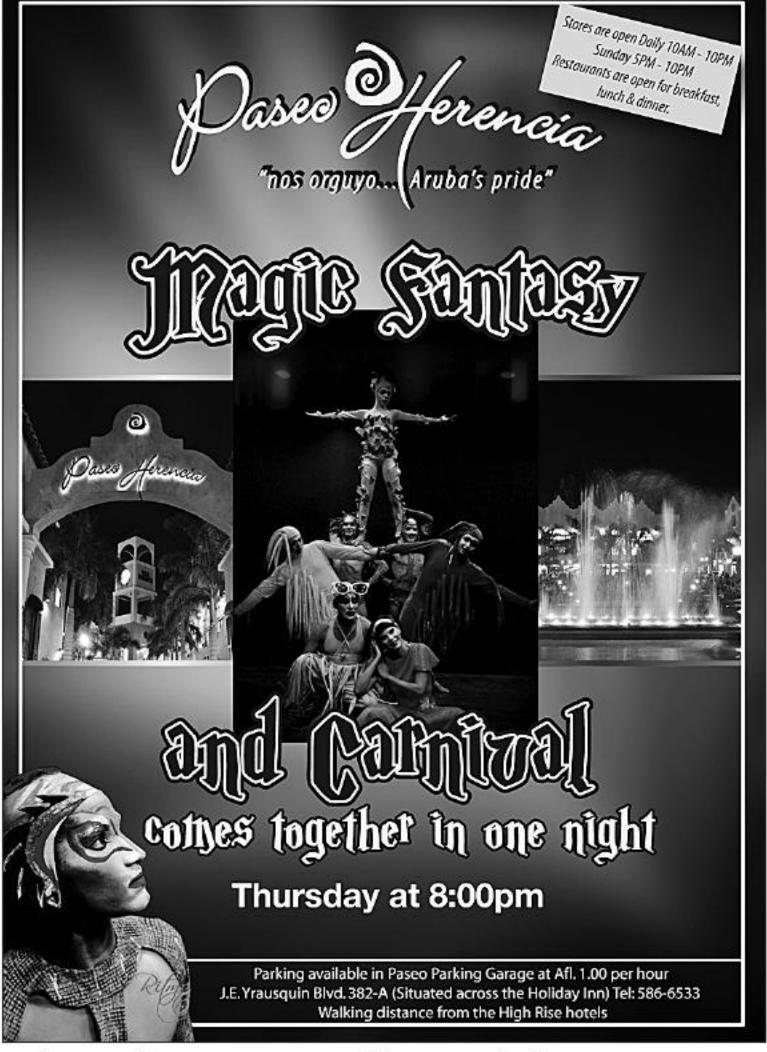
Faiza Oulahsen (26) and Mannes Ubels (42) were told in court on Wednesday they can wait for their trial in February outside prison. A number of the other 30 activists arrested in September have also been released on bail.

The activists were arrested in September after protesting against Russian drilling in the Arctic Sea Their ship Arctic Sunrise, which was sailing under the Dutch flag, was also seized. Bail

Greenpeace has paid €45,000 each in bail for all of the activists released so far, the organisation said. It expects them to be released from jail by the weekend.

'We are still not clear about the conditions they are being released under,' the spokesman is quoted as saying by BNR radio. 'It is not clear if they will be allowed to leave Russia.'

Dutch foreign minister Frans Timmermans welcomed the decision to release the activists but said they should be freed without conditions rather than on bail



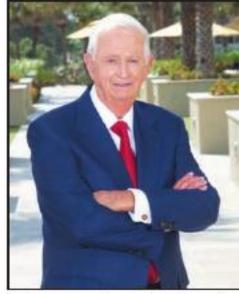
Marriott International elevates commitment to a green Aruba with the opening of the Ritz-Carlton Aruba

ORANJESTAD -- As the new Ritz-Carlton, Aruba opens its doors to welcome luxury guests to the island of Aruba on Friday, November 22, 2013, J. W. "Bill" Marriott Jr., Executive Chairman of Marriott International, the parent company of the iconic Ritz-Carlton brand with two existing Marriott hotels on the island, announced today several new partnership initiatives to promote sustainable tourism on the island. The collaboration is designed to further enhance Prime Minister Mike Eman's vision for a Green Aruba while continuing Marriott's long-standing commitment to enriching education on the island

"Aruba is at the forefront for travelers who seek elegant accommodations, a beautiful climate and unparalleled beaches, where they can enjoy pristine nature and Marriott Executive Chairman and Prime Minister Mike Eman Announce Joint Education and Sustainability Programs at Hotel Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

leave nothing more than their footprints in the sand," said Mr. Marriott. "To support that sustainable vision, we are pleased and honored to present an environmental curriculum tailored to Aruba for 5th and 6th grade primary school students on the island, introduce youth to leadership skills through our Ritz-Carlton Succeed Through Service program and support the government's vision for a tourism institute that will be a magnet for hospitality professionals hoping to pursue careers in the growing Caribbean and Latin America tourism economy."

During Mr. Marriott's last visit to the island the Prime Minister of Aruba, Mike Eman requested Mr. Marriott's support for the estab-



lishment of an Institute for Hospitality, Sustainable Tourism and Economic Resilience in Aruba. "My vision is for Aruba to be renowned as one of the region's most notable hospitality destinations, home to a distinguished local workforce that is well educated and skilled in envi-

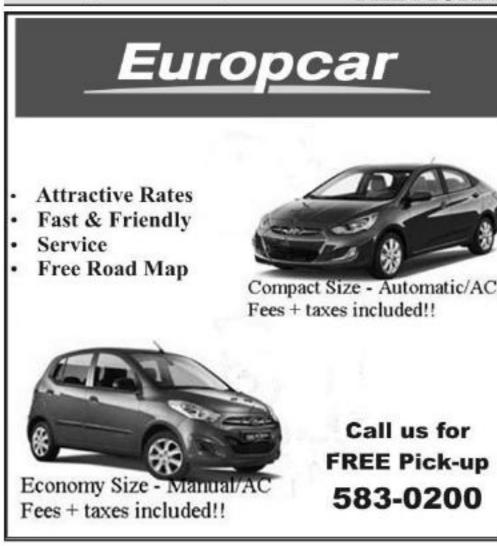
ronmental sustainability and hospitality management," said Prime Minister Eman. "Marriott International graciously accepted our invitation to partner with the Aruba Hospitality and Tourism Institute and has been a tremendous partner throughout the years with their Marriott and Renaissance Hotels. The opening of The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba amplifies the brand's economic impact even further with 320 hotel rooms and 450 local jobs. In addition to a dowry to enable professionals as well as academic partners to make a distinct contribution to the development of tourism in the region, these contributions ultimately serve to incrementally benefit the island's economic standing

and we are confident the institute will make a substantial impact to the quality and growth of tourism in the region," he added.

The signature new programs that debut in Aruba with The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba include:

An innovative environmental curriculum for prischool students developed by The Ritz-Carlton specifically for Aruba in collaboration with marine biologist, Dr. Richard Murphy of Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ocean Futures Society. The education modules will be available on the Green Aruba website for others in the travel industry to download, allowing for easy accessibility by Arubans to learn about the island's unique environmental assets and how to protect them.

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Marriott International elevates commitment... Cont. from pg 4

- As part of the program launch, students will be invited to Skype with Fabien Cousteau, grandson of legendary oceanographer Jacques Cousteau, while he is undertaking Mission 31 to break his grandfather's world record for an underwater stay.

- Succeed through Service, The Ritz-Carlton's distinguished Community Footprints program, which introduces youth to skills necessary to succeed and the ability to serve others. The Ladies and Gentlemen of The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba will be working in tandem with youth on the island to help develop skills required for success while boosting their self-esteem.

A commitment from the J.W. and Alice S. Marriott Foundation to support the creation of the Aruba Hospitality Institute, Prime Minis-Eman's vision for sustainable hospitality management training. Marriott International will also supplement the curriculum that is being provided by the academic partners in the Institute by contributing leadership development and training content to be delivered by Marriott executives.

- A partnership with Tortugaruba to bring best practices in sea turtle conservation to Aruba, including a regional summit to be hosted at The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba

 The Ritz-Carlton will launch its Community Footprints program in Aruba at Arikok National Park with the management team and trainers volunteering at Dos Playa to remove marine debris and driftwood from this important sea turtle nesting site. Community Footprints is The Ritz-Carlton's global conservation and community engagement initiative.

With 320 oceanfront rooms and suites. The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba offers a luxury vacation lifestyle that combines a passionate and dedicated service philosophy while catering to an array of personal tastes and interests. The resort encompasses incomparable style and signature Ritz-Carlton service, with a selection of unique offerings consisting of savory dining experiences, including four restaurants, a luxurious 13-treatment room Ritz-Carlton Spa, two swimming pools, a 24-hour casino, one of the largest state-of-the-art meeting facilities in Aruba and the seemingly endless white sand beaches and turquoise waters of the Caribbean.

Marriott International, Inc. (NASDAO: MAR) is a leading lodging company based in Bethesda, Maryland, USA, with nearly 3,900 properties in 72 countries and territories and reported revenues of nearly \$12 billion in fiscal year 2012. The company operates and franchises hotels and licenses vacation ownership resorts under 18 brands. For more information or reservations, please visit our www.marriott.com, and for the latest company news, visit www.marriottnewscenter.com.



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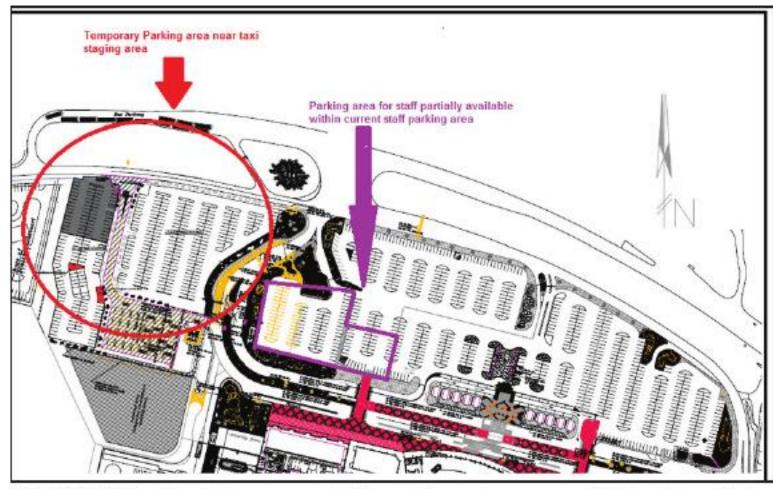
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With temporary parking area for airport employees: Solar Park Project starts this Thursday



ORANJESTAD — The Solar Park Project at Queen Beatrix International Airport is ready to start this coming Thursday, November 21, 2013. Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) wants to inform all airport employees and parkinglot badge/card holders that as of this Thursday they must enter either the normal staff parking area which will have a minimum amount of parking positions or the tempo-

rary staff parking area through the entrance to the taxi staging area situated at the west side of the actual parkinglot. Parking areas for motorcycles, the handicapped and airport and government authorities will use the existing parkinglot entrance, thus experiencing no changes.

The temporary parking area is ready to be used until the Project is completed approximately 6 months from now. AAA together with the contractors and other stakeholders are working together to ensure minimal impact caused by these temporary changes.

AAA asks understanding from the airport users for the temporary situation and apologizes if this may cause any inconvenience. The Solar Park Project is scheduled to be completed mid 2014.



US voices 'concern' at Maduro rule by decree

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States on Wednesday voiced concern after Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro was given emergency powers to rule by decree for the coming months.

"We are concerned that the Venezuelan National Assembly has granted decree powers to President Maduro for the next 12 months," State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said

"We believe the separation of powers and the presence of independent branches of government are essential elements of democracy," she told reporters.

The one-chamber National Assembly on Tuesday gave the elected socialist Maduro wide-ranging special powers that he says he will use to target corruption, but which his opponents argue is a lastditch attempt to paper over economic damage caused by the government's policies.

Even though under Venezuela's constitution such a move is allowed. Psaki insisted "that doesn't make it OK.

"We feel... it's essentially important for the people to have a voice in any country, in any decision-making process," she told reporters.

"And that's why the separation of powers is so impor-

Maduro maintains that the opposition, whom he only narrowly beat in polls following the death of longtime leader Hugo Chavez earlier this year, are waging "economic warfare" against the country.

Maduro has said he will use the year-long expanded powers to impose caps on private sector profits and crack down on speculators.

The vote is the latest move by the Venezuelan leader, a protege of Chavez, to strengthen his hand as he faces an important political test in municipal elections in this oil-rich, OPEC member nation next month.

Illinois becomes 16th US state to legalize gay marriage

CHICAGO (AFP) - Illinois became the 16th US state to legalize gay marriage Wednesday, just days after Hawaii passed marriage equality legislation.

"What we're celebrating today is the triumph of democracy, the triumph of liberty," Governor Pat Quinn said as he prepared to sign the bill into law on a desk used by President Abraham Lincoln, who hailed from Illinois.

"Part of our unfinished business is to help the rest of America achieve marriage equality," Quinn said at an hour-long bill signing ceremony attended by around 3,000 cheering people.

Marriage laws are governed by individual US states, 29 of which have amended their constitutions

to ban same-sex marriage.

Efforts to give same-sex couples the same rights as heterosexuals have gathered steam in recent years.

Perhaps one of the most important victories was when the US Supreme Court in June struck down the Defense of Marriage Act, which defined marriage as between one man and one woman.

As a result, the federal government was allowed to recognize same-sex couples in all federal matters, such as sharing pension benefits.

Courts have also overturned state bans on gay marriage, most recently in New Jersey.

The 2012 elections were considered a sea change for the matter.

Voters in three states --Maine, Maryland and Washington -- endorsed ballot measures aimed at legalizing gay marriage while Minnesota voters rejected an effort to enshrine a gay marriage ban in the state constitution.

The Illinois bill is set to go in effect on June 1, 2014. The Midwestern state is the 5th largest state in the nation with a population of 13 million people.

Nuclear deal will not just buy Iran time: Kerry

WASHINGTON (AFP) -Secretary of State John Kerry vowed Wednesday that the United States would not let any deal with Iran become a ploy by the Islamic republic to buy time to increase nuclear capability.

As talks between western powers and Iran resumed in Geneva, Kerry said the negotiations were the "best chance in a decade ... to halt progress and roll back Iran's program."

The top US diplomat was speaking after holding toplevel talks at the State Department with US Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and their Australian counterparts.

"We will not allow this agreement, should it be reached ... to buy time or to allow for the acceptance of an agreement that does not properly address our core, fundamental concerns."

Kerry spoke as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was on a visit to Moscow seen as a lastminute bid to influence the emerging nuclear deal with Iran strongly opposed by the Jewish state.

"We would all like a diplomatic solution, but it needs to be a real solution," said Netanyahu, adding that this would involve Iran halting nuclear work in the same manner that Syria is allowing its chemical weapons arsenal to be dismantled

The draft interim sixmonth deal being negotiated in Geneva offers some limited relief to the crippling sanctions against Iran in return for halting parts of its nuclear program, as all sides work for a comprehensive final agreement.

"We have very close consultations with Israel, as we do with allies and partners throughout the world," a US official told reporters in Geneva after negotiators began a new round of talks with Iran.

"The United States and Israel share a common objective, and that is to make sure that Iran does not acquire a nuclear weapon. How we get there, we may have some tactical differences, but our objective is identical," the official added.



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Million-dollar gold stash found in aircraft toilet

KOLKATA (AFP) - Cleaners working on a commercial plane in eastern India have found 24 gold bars worth more than \$1 million stuffed into a toilet compartment, officials said Wednesday.

India, which rivals China as the world's biggest gold consumer, has witnessed a spike in smuggling after import duties were hiked three times this year to try to dampen demand for the precious metal.

The plane belonging to Jet Airways was being cleaned at Kolkata airport on Tuesday after a trip from the eastern city of Patna It had previously been flying on international routes.

"The cleaning staff of the airport were going though their routine duties and found two bags in the toilets of the plane," director of the airport B.P. Mishra told AFP.

The one-kilogram gold bars "have not been claimed by anyone. No arrest has been made as yet".

Senior customs official R.S. Meena estimated the value of the haul at about 70 million rupees, or \$1.1 million.

Biden thanks Panama for Cuba, N. Korea arms interception

PANAMA CITY (AFP) - US Vice President Joe Biden thanked Panama Tuesday for detecting a controversial shipment of Cuban arms headed for North Korea apparently in violation of UN sanctions.

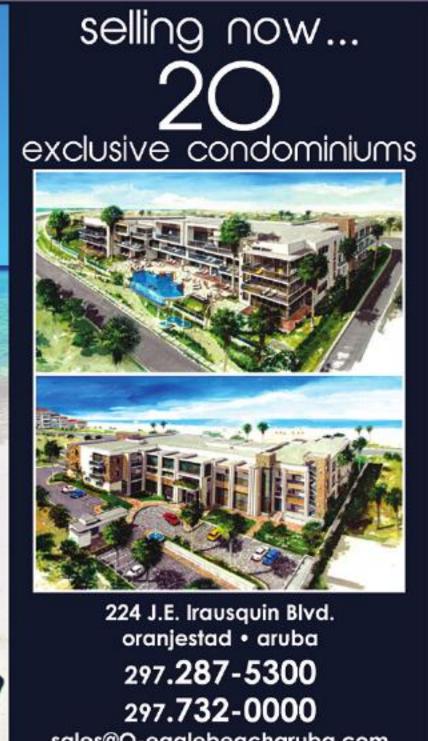
Panama, the visiting Biden said "stepped up where others might have stepped back.... You found and confiscated weapons heading from Cuba heading to North Korea.

Panamanian authorities seized the Chong Chon Gang July 10 after discovering 25 shipping containers of Cuban military hardware, including two MiG-21 fighters, concealed in a cargo of sugar.

Monday a North Korean delegation arrived in Panama hoping to be able to leave the country with most of the crew members.

The ship was fined a million dollars by the Panama Canal Authority for endangering the waterway. It has not yet been paid, Panamanian officials said.





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Venezuela opposition leader calls rally against Maduro special powers

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuelan opposition leader Henrique Capriles on Wednesday urged supporters to take to the streets to oppose President Nicolas Maduro's emergency powers.

"I am calling on all Venezuelans who are suffering in this crisis to come out (to rally Saturday), and everyone who feels that the government is going to destroy our nation," said Capriles.

"Maduro, we are going to show you the power that the Venezuelan people have," warned Capriles, the Miranda state governor who refused to concede defeat to Maduro in April's presidential election.

"Let's see if with your special powers law, all of a sudden we have enough food, milk, toilet paper, chicken, beef -and let's see if our streets are safe," Capriles added, insisting "This is the moment for us to rise up in force, the moment to make a massive statement."

Venezuela's National Assembly on Tuesday handed Maduro wide-ranging special powers to rule by decree for one year.

The socialist president of the OPEC member state says he needs the greater personal power as his government struggles with soaring inflation and shortages of basic goods.



Maduro requested the special powers last month, citing the need to fight corruption and take on opponents who are waging "economic warfare" against his government.

Maduro, 50, has said he will use the expanded powers to impose caps on private sector profits and crack down on speculators.

The vote is the latest move by the elected Venezuelan leader, a protege of late president Hugo Chavez, to strengthen his hand as he faces an important political test in municipal elections next month.

Critics however blame Venezuela's economic woes on the government-imposed fixed exchange rate and price controls, saying they have led to a lack of basic goods such as toilet paper, rice and meat.

Venezuela has been bat-

tered by a 54 percent rate of inflation, a shortage of hard currency, and widespread shortages.

The United States earlier voiced concern after Maduro was given emergency powers to rule by decree.

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Canadian doctor guilty of molesting 21 women

OTTAWA (AFP) - A Canadian anesthesiologist was found guilty Tuesday of sexually assaulting 21 women while they were helplessly under anesthesia but aware of what was happening.

George Doodnaught was accused of kissing, fondling and forcing oral sex on the patients at North York General Hospital in Toronto during a four-year period that ended in 2010

The victims were aware of what was happening but could not move, the court heard.

The defense argued that the victims actually had vivid sexual dreams caused by sedatives known to play tricks with memory, and that Doodnaught could not have assaulted them undetected by others separated only by a surgical screen in the operating room.

A researcher confirmed at trial that the drugs can cause hallucinations.

But he added that it is unlikely that all of the women, who did not know each other, would come forward separately with similar accusations against the same doctor.

The prosecution said Doodnaught was an experienced doctor who knew the routines of a busy operating room, and timed the brief assaults to avoid detection.

"He had control over their level of anaesthesia and would have known that they could not openly resist," Court Judge David McCombs said in his ruling.

Doodnaught is scheduled to return to court next month to set a date for sentencing.

New York City raises legal age for cigarettes to 21

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - A
New York City law banning
cigarette sales to people under
21 was signed by Mayor
Michael Bloomberg on Tuesday, the latest move in the Big
Apple's war on smoking.

From May 2014, anyone wishing to buy cigarettes in the city will be required to show ID proving they are 21 or over, making it the first large city in the United States to raise the legal age of purchase so high

Bloomberg said the law, which was passed by city councilors on October 30, "will prevent young people from experimenting with tobacco when they are most likely to become addicted."

The new law reinforces

New York City's already stringent laws against smoking, which is forbidden in bars, restaurants, parks, public spaces and city beaches.

Across the rest of New York state, with a total of almost 20 million people, the age for purchasing cigarettes remains 18.

Authorities hope the legislation will reduce smoking between 18 and 20-year-olds by as much as 55 percent.

Most cities and regions in the United States set the legal age for cigarette and tobacco sales at 18, although some states have raised the threshold to 19.

And the small town of Needham outside Boston beat New York City to the punch, raising the age to 21 in 2005.



Cuban doctors deploy to Ecuador in December

HAVANA (AFP) - Cuban doctors will begin arriving in Ecuador in December as part of a thousand-member medical cohort hired by Quito's leftist government to supplement the local health care system.

Cuba's foreign ministry said on Wednesday that the arrangement was signed during a recent visit to Havana by Ecuadoran Health minister Roberto Morales.

Specialists in primary care, epidemiology and physical re-



habilitation, who begin arriving from Cuba next month, "will help strengthen the capacities" of health officials in Ecuador, the foreign ministry said.

Cuba has long provided free medical assistance to poorer countries like Haiti, but in recent years has turned to exports of doctors as an important source of revenues.

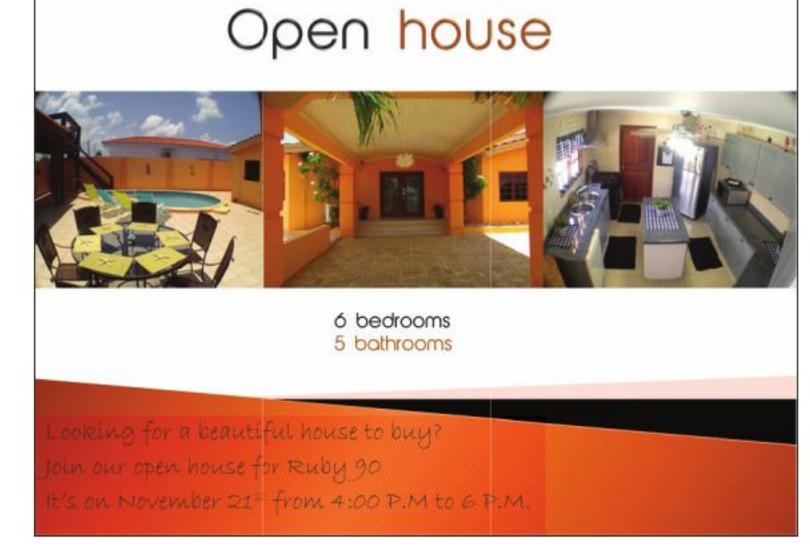
Medical services is by far the biggest sector of the Cuban economy, generating about \$8 billion a year. Tourism, the next biggest sector, generates \$2.5 billion.

Tens of thousands of Cuban medical and other personnel are in Venezuela at the invitation of its leftist government, and this year Brazil hired 4,000 Cuban medical personnel to work in underserved areas.

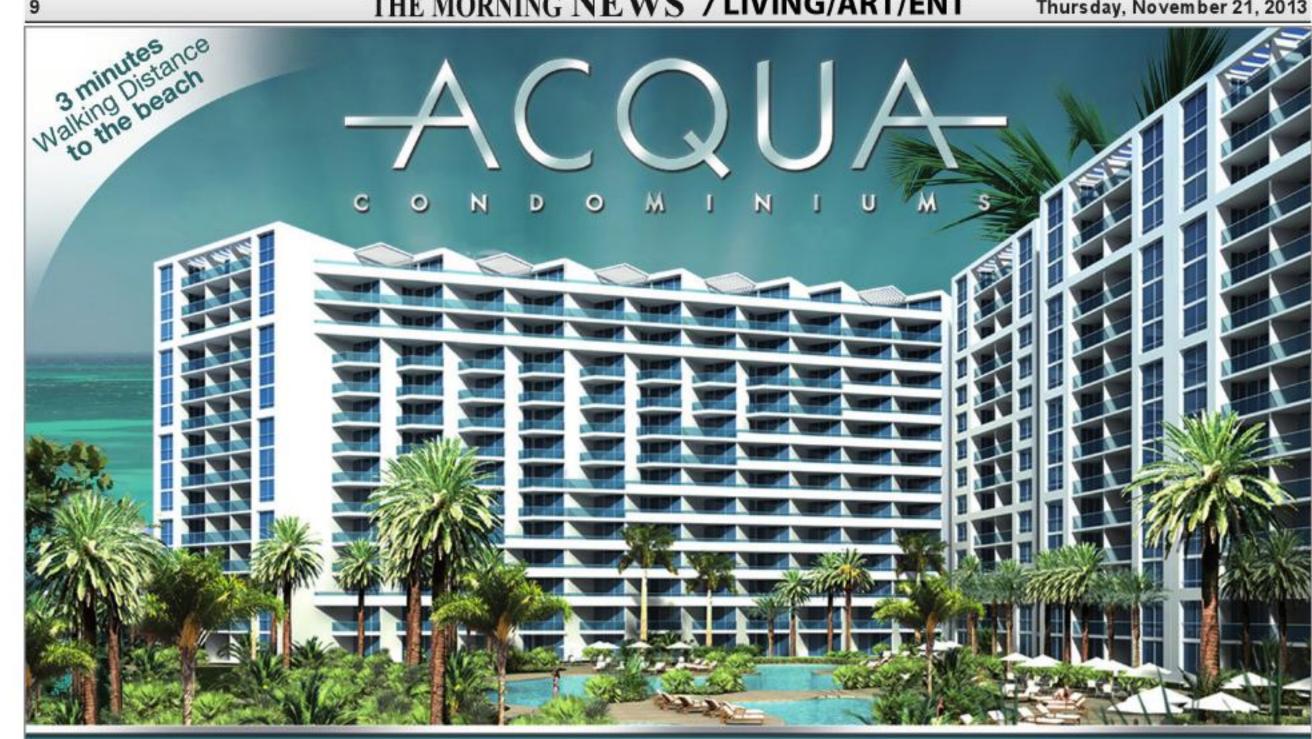
In Ecuador, as in Brazil,

local medical organizations have bridled at the programs, saying they subsidize the Cuban medical system at the expense of their own.

The Ecuadoran Medical Federation has complained that \$30 million used to pay the Cuban doctors could be used to hire and train Ecuadoran doctors in primary care and family medicine.







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Obama awards Clinton, Winfrey top civilian honor





WASHINGTON (AFP) -President Barack Obama on Wednesday celebrated Amencan legends of politics, sports, letters, science and the arts including Bill Clinton and Oprah Winfrey in awarding his country's highest civilian honor.

The Presidential Medal of Freedom ceremony was lent added poignancy as the award was first minted by John F. Kennedy, who was assassinated 50 years ago this week.

Obama said that the 16 honorees represented "what JFK understood to be the essence of the American spirit."

Obama, who has built his own political creed on uplifting the middle class, said that Clinton, a fellow Democrat, proved that "you could grow the economy, lift people out of poverty," shrink deficits and still invest in families, schools and science and technology.

Clinton and Obama initially had a cool relationship after the president ousted Hillary Clinton in a bitter 2008 Democratic primary contest.

But after Obama named her as his secretary of state, and called on the former president to aid his re-election campaign, the two men developed much closer personal ties

Obama said Winfrey -- a billionaire talk show host, friend and political supporter -- had built a massive following on the basis of her message "you can."

"You can do and you can be and you can grow and it can be better. She was living proof, rising from a childhood of poverty and abuse to the pinnacle of the entertainment universe," he said.

The president also posthumously honored America's first female astronaut in orbit Sally Ride, who died last year.

"As the first American woman in space, Sally didn't just break the stratospheric glass ceiling, she blasted through it," Obama said."

Obama also honored pioneering journalists Gloria Steinem and Watergate-era Washington Post editor Ben Bradlee

The president said Bradlee's Post, which brought down president Richard Nixon, was a reminder "that our freedom as a nation rests on our freedom of the press."

Also honored on Wednesday were Chicago Cubs baseball legend Ernie Banks, late former Hawaii senator Daniel Inouye, Nobel prize-winning psychologist Daniel Kahneman, former Republican senaand non-proliferation campaigner Richard Lugar, country music star Loretta Lynn, environmentalist Mario Molina, the late civil rights activist Bayard Rustin, jazz trumpeter Arturo Sandoval, college basketball coach Dean Smith, civil rights activist Cordy Tindell Vivian and Judge Patricia Wald.





1.6 billion people on social networks: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) - An estimated 1 61 billion people, more than one in five globally, will log in to social networking sites at least monthly this year, the research firm eMarketer said Tuesday.

The study said the number was up 14.2 percent from a year ago and growth will push that number up to 2.33 billion by 2017.

The highest penetration of social network users, according to eMarketer, is in the Netherlands, at 63.5 percent. Norway was second at 63.3 percent, followed by Sweden (56.4 percent), South Korea

(54.4 percent), Denmark (53.3 percent), the United States (51.7 percent) and Finland (51.3 percent).

A majority of residents were also on social networks in Canada (51.2 percent) and Britain (50.2 percent, according to the report based on data from research firms, government agencies, media outlets and company reports.

The 1.61 billion figure represented 22 percent of the world's estimated population, the survey said.

The report said India is seeing the highest growth this year of 37.4 percent, though only 7.7 percent of the population uses social networks. Indonesia's numbers will climb 28.7 percent and Mexico will grow by 21.1 percent. eMarketer said.

All three of those countries are also high-growth areas for Facebook, the world's largest social network with more than one billion users.

The US remains the country with the greatest number of Facebook users, at 146.8 million, but with India's large population and expected growth rate, it will have the largest Facebook population of any country by 2016, according to the report.

Apple space ship campus cleared for take-off

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) -Apple's plan to build a shimmering flying-saucer shaped headquarters got final clearance for take-off late Tuesday, after a tax break granted the technology titan was trimmed.

Officials in the Silicon Valley city of Cupertino, which has long been home to the culture-changing technology titan, put a stamp of approval on a grand vision put in motion years ago by late Apple cofounder Steve Jobs.

The vote late Tuesday was a procedural formality and essentially a rubber stamping of a unanimous endorsement for the project by members of the Cupertino city council last month Final approval of Apple's new campus came with an agreement to trim by 15 percent a tax break awarded to the company in 1997 when the future of the then-struggling company was uncertain.

In documents filed with the city, "Apple Campus 2" is described as a 21st Century creation designed for research, collaboration, and innovation

Apple enlisted renowned architect Norman Foster to transform a 176-acre site dominated by asphalt and old buildings into "sustainable, state-of-the-art office, research and development facilities.

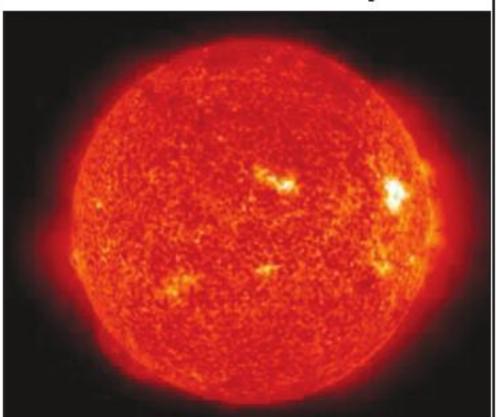
The majority of space will be greenery, but the eye-catching jewel of the campus promised to be a glimmering ring of polished metal and glass, mirroring the design passion put into Apple's coveted devices.

The four-story main building will have about 2.8 million square feet of space and will be able to accommodate 12,000 employees, according to design specifications.

Apple said that it will continue to use the One Infinite Loop campus a short distance away, which is its current headquarters.

Apple has a powerful presence in Cupertino, a city with a population of about 58,000 people located located near the Santa Cruz Mountains about 42 miles south of San Francisco.

The Sun is about to flip upside down... but don't panic



Nasa has said it expects the Sun to flip upside down within the next three weeks, with the impact being felt across the Solar System. But before you quit your job and tell your boss what you really think of them, relax... the phenomenon actually happens every 11 years. The cycle will see the Sun's magnetic field reverse polarity. At worst, there will be satellite interference and a few radio blackouts. There's also an advantage to the switch if you're a fan of the Northern Lights. Auroras are set to be more wide-ranging, visible and frequent after the event. Researchers at Stanford University's Wilcox Solar Observatory have monitored the Sun's magnetic field every day for nearly 40 years, but the cause of the magnetic shift is not fully understood yet.



'Nationalised bank SNS free to start mortgage price war'

THE HAGUE - Nationalised bank SNS has not been banned from competing with other banks on savings and mortgage interest rates by the European Commission, finance minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem confirmed on Wednesday.

The commission's decision not to stop SNS from making 'stunt offers' marks a change in strategy for Brussels, which until now has stopped banks which have had state support from slashing interest rates in an effort to win more customers, the Financieele Dagblad said

In the Netherlands this led to a lack of competition on the mortgage market where most of the big banks and savings institutions have had state support or have been nationalised.

'It looks at the moment as if SNS will not be banned from taking the lead on pricing,' Dijsselbloem told parliament. He did not give further details about other conditions slapped on the bank by Brussels but the FD says these are likely to include the sale of all or part of its insurance arm.

Game show loser demands tv show pays up €5m

THE HAGUE - A man who claims nerves made him press the wrong button in a television game show which lost him €5m is demanding the show and production company Endemol come up with the cash.

Arrold van den Hurk's lawyer Peer Plasman told Nieuwsuur on Tuesday night he will sue unless the show and its producers pay up €5m minus €125,000. He claims changes in the rules about the red button led him to lose the fortune.

The man was taking part in the show Miljoenenjacht - a scaled-up version of Deal or no Deal in which players try to guess which suitcase contains a fortune. Asked if he would accept an offer of €125,000 the man indicated he wanted to play on, but pressed the red button, the Telegraaf reported. Deal

Presentor Linda de Mol consulted the show's lawyer who said the deal had been made and Van den Hurk was out.

Plasman argues the show's rules, sent to his client to sign, do not state the red button is binding. This sentence was

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later added to the online version of the rules, Plasman claims In addition, the show's lawyer knew which suitcase contained the €5m and so was not independent, Plasman

A spokesman for Endemol said the rules were applied correctly and the company is waiting to see what happens next.

Sinterklaas spending set to top €100 per family

THE HAGUE - Shopkeepers expect their turnover to be boosted by between €510m and €515m this year thanks to the Sinterklaas festivities, the national retail council said on Wednesday

In particular, traditional family games are proving popular this year, but so are luxury gifts like perfume and jewellery, the board said.

The average family will spend over €100 on presents and celebrating Sinterklaas, up 4.6% on a year ago.

US stocks fall as Fed notes suggest stimulus cuts soon

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) -US stocks fell Wednesday after minutes from the last Federal Reserve policy meeting said the central bank could scale back its stimulus program "in coming months."

The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 66.21 (0.41 percent) at 15,900.82.

The broad-based S&P 500 fell 6.50 (0.36 percent) to 1,781.37, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index declined 10.28 (0.26 percent) to 3,921.27.

All three indices traded in positive territory for most of the day before turning negative following the release of the minutes of the Fed's October 29-30 policy meeting, which suggested its \$85 billion a month in asset purchases could soon be reduced.

Participants expected "on-

going improvement in labor market conditions" that would "thus warrant trimming the pace of purchases in coming months," the minutes said

The minutes reiterated that any such move was contingent on better economic data.

Philip Morris fell 2.4 percent after forecasting total international cigarette industry volume would decline 3.0 percent in 2013 and an additional 2-3 percent in 2014, with a 7-8 percent drop in the EU region.

Agriculture equipment company Deere jumped 2.1 percent after results bested expectations by a wide margin. Per-share earnings came in at \$2.11 compared with the \$1.89 expected by analysts. The company pointed to major new factories added in Brazil, China and other emerging markets. Home-improvement retailer Lowe's tumbled 6.2 percent after earnings came in a penny shy of expectations at 47 cents per share. The company boosted its full-year profit forecast to \$2.15 per share from \$2.10, but that was still lower than the \$2.19 expected by analysts.

Department store chain J.C. Penney vaulted 8.4 percent after the company forecast improving comparable store sales and gross margins in the fourth quarter. The struggling retailer lost \$489 million in the third quarter.

Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year US Treasury jumped to 2.79 percent from 2.71 percent Tuesday, while the 30-year increased to 3.90 percent from 3.80 percent. Bond prices and yields move inversely.

Ecuador's Correa says will resign if Chevron proves interference

QUITO (AFP) - Ecuador's President Rafael Correa has promised to resign if Chevron proves his government interfered in a trial over Amazon pollution that resulted in a record fine against the US oil giant.

"Let Chevron prove that the government interfered in the judgment and I will resign my post," Correa said Tuesday at a news conference in Guayaquil.

Last week, the country's highest court confirmed the 2011 verdict against Chevron by a regional court, which the oil giant challenged. The high court's only concession was to cut the fine by half to \$9.5 billion.

"The legal case is closed. The courts have spoken. We have never been mixed up in this case," Correa said.

Faced with Chevron's refusal to pay the fine, the Ecuadoran president has launched a campaign for an international boycott of the company.



The environmental damage to the Amazon forest dates back to when the US oil company Texaco operated in Ecuador between 1964 and 1990, before it was acquired by Chevron.

Sued by a class of 30,000 members of communities in the affected region, Chevron blamed state-owned Petroecuador for the pollution.

It took the case to a court in New York and the permanent court of arbitration in the Hague, accusing the Ecuadoran courts of corruption and the authorities in Quito of interfering.

Even at half the original amount, the fine against Chevron is one of the biggest in environmental law, surpassing the \$4.5 billion levied against ExxonMobil for the 1989 Alaska oil spill.





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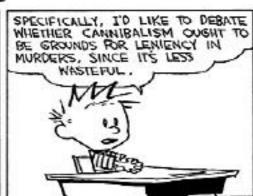






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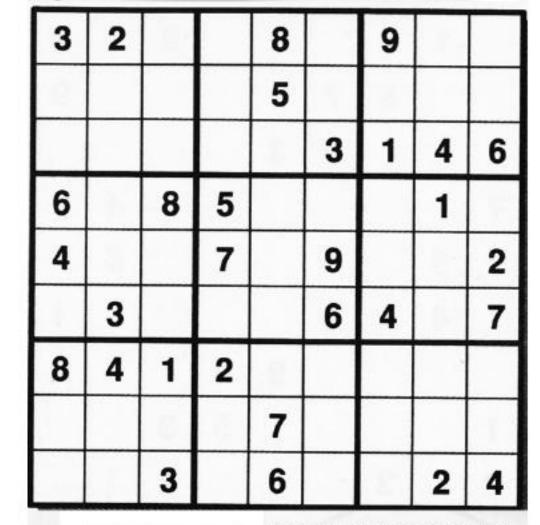
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--Though Aruba has its share of designer brand stores and shopping malls, ask almost any islander where they shop, and they will likely tell you "La Linda." Spread out over several specialty stores on the Caya Betico Croes, La Linda was Aruba's first and foremost department stores, where, for decades, one could find anything and everything, and after more than 70 years, still can make that claim.

It is also a distinctly family operation, with the personal touch and supervision of the Hochmans, who take their reputation for stocking "the best quality for the best price" very se-

Calman Hochman, a Jewish Polish immigrant who opened his first small shop with his Aruban wife Anna, carrying "a little bit of everything that anyone could need." This was before WWII, when the present head of the company, Jaime, hadn't even been born yet. Many of their sales help have also been with the store for over two decades, and "it is very much like family here," he admits. Their loyal patrons also look forward to being helped by shop girls who have become friends, knowing they will get great and honest service.

To this day, La Linda is particularly known for its huge fabrics and notions department, the first destination for many on an island where making your own clothes is still an everyday practice. Without question, the store offers the greatest diversity of selection in nearly every department, and they have now consolidated them all into one store; four floors containing a wealth of choices in clothing for men, women and children, house wares, bedding, sporting goods, luggage, shoes, jewelry, deco-rative items and more

"The present store is a work in progress," asserts Jalme, as they continue to renovate and enlarge what had been only the men's store and warehouse in the past. Normally closed for a 2 hour lunch/siesta in the old island way, shoppers will soon find it open daily for the entire day, from 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM, as they are on Saturday's, with a bright, charming eatery installed on the top floor.

from all over the world, always with an eye towards quality. They pay particular attention to their Women's Department specializing in over-sized garments, stocking larger sizes exhibiting distinctive dash and style.

For travelers who have perhaps lost their luggage, they can offer a quick fix for all the family which won't break your budget, including some very stylish new suitcases.



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La Linda is continually expanding their inventory, with their acquisitions department continually seeking out interesting, unique, and moderately priced goods

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Madonna tops Forbes highest-paid musician list



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Business magazine Forbes named Madonna the highest-paid musician in the world on Tuesday, estimating her earnings at \$125 million in the year to June. Revenues from her MDNA concert tour plus sales of Madonna-related products and merchandise put the Material Girl, 55, well ahead of Lady Gaga at \$80 million. The Mother Monster's income would have been higher had a hip injury not forced her to abandon a global concert tour, Forbes said. Veteran rocker Bon Jovi placed third at \$79 million, followed by country star Toby Keith (\$25 million) and British band Coldplay (\$64) million). Forbes based its list, posted on forbes.com, on pretax income from ticket sales, royalties, merchandising, endorsements and other ventures. It doesn't take into account fees for agents, managers and lawyers. Only living artists can make the list -- otherwise, Forbes said, Michael Jackson would have been number one with a posthumous income of \$160 million.

Armstrong reaches settlement in one fraud case: reports

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Disgraced cyclist Lance Armstrong reached a settlement on Wednesday in one of the fraud cases spawned by his confession that his Tour De France victories were fuelled by doping.

USA Today reported the agreement reached between Armstrong and Nebraskabased Acceptance Insurance allowed Armstrong to avoid a scheduled deposition in which he would have been asked to talk about his doping practices under oath

Armstrong has not given sworn testimony since he admitted to US television host Oprah Winfrey in January that he doped throughout a career that saw him win the Tour de France seven times.

Armstrong has been stripped of those victories and handed a life ban from the

The Acceptance Insurance Company sued Armstrong and the Tailwind Sports Corporation in March claiming he committed fraud by concealing his use of performance enhancing drugs during the 1999, 2000 and 2001 Tours.

The lawsuit sought repayment of \$3 million "in undeserved an unearned pay Lance Armstrong obtained by fraud," the suit filed in Travis County Court in Austin, Texas.

The payment cited was a \$3 million bonus paid to Armstrong for his first three Tour victories.

Armstrong attorney Tim Herman told USA Today only that the case had been "resolved to the mutual satisfaction of the parties".

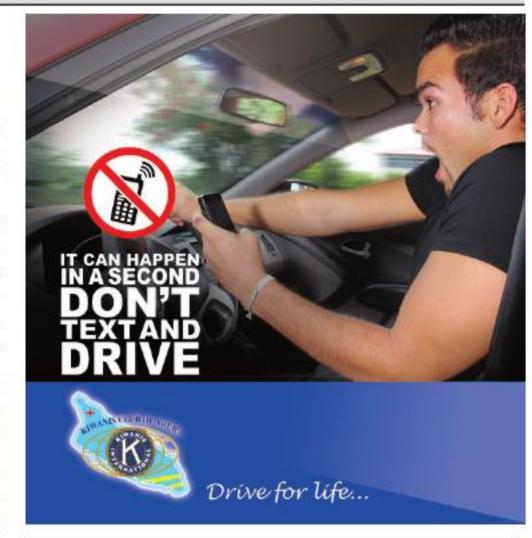
On Monday, Armstrong asked a federal judge to dismiss the US government's fraud case against him, claiming prosecutors missed statute of limitations deadlines to file.

Armstrong has also been sued by Texas-based insurance company SCA Promotions over other bonus payments, a case that has gone to arbitra-

Armstrong testified under oath in a 2005 lawsuit after SCA withheld a bonus payment over then-unproven doping allegations and the company paid Armstrong \$7 million.

In August he settled a lawsuit with Britain's Sunday Times over the damages the newspaper was forced to pay over its report that he had used banned substances.

A lawsuit brought by irked readers of his autobiographies, however, has been dismissed.



Oranje closes football year without loss



THE HAGUE - The Dutch national football team held Colombia to a 0-0 draw in their friendly in Amsterdam on Tuesday night. Oranje were down to 10 men after Jeremain Lens was given a red card at the Amsterdam Arena but managed to hold on to their 16 match record. Oranje are unbeaten in 2013 and have not lost a match since August 2012 when they went down 4-2 to Belgium.

Football: Mexico's World Cup survival doesn't end concerns

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexico needed to fly all the way to New Zealand to finally book their ticket to the 2014 World Cup, surviving a rocky qualifying campaign that raised concerns about their chances in Brazil

With their 4-2 win over New Zealand in the second leg of their intercontinental play-off on Wednesday, which followed a 5-1 triumph in Mexico City, the Mexicans have now reached 15 of 20 World Cup fi-

While they trounced the much lower ranked All Whites, few would have predicted that

Mexico would need to compete in a play-off to qualify for the tournament.

"There is nothing to celebrate," said Carlos Albert, who played for the team that won the gold medal at the Pan American Games in 1967.

This year marked Mexico's "worst performance in history," Albert wrote in his column for El Universal newspaper.

Mexico last missed the World Cup in 1990, but it was because they were banned after the federation fielded older players in a youth tournament.

Mexicans favourites again to secure one of the three direct qualifying spots in the North and Central America and the Caribbean confederation (CONCACAF)

But in CONCACAF's decisive "hexagonal" phase, Mexico only managed to win twice and scored a paltry seven goals

in 10 games.

While the United States, Costa Rica and Honduras grabbed the first three spots, the Mexicans only secured fourth place after their bitter rivals, the Americans, rescued them by beating Panama in the last game.

During the dismal campaign, the much-criticised federation fired three managers in a sixweek span before settling for Miguel Herrera, manager of Mexican league champions America, for the two-leg play-off

While Mexico scored nine goals against New Zealand, Herrera said the team still had work to do after allowing the unfancied Kiwis to score twice in Wellington

In a risky move, Herrera shook things up after taking over, favouring domestic league players while leaving out Europe-based stars such as Manchester United's Javier "Chicharito" Hernandez.

Compounding the crisis, one of Mexico's in-form stars, Carlos Vela, who plays for Spain's Real Sociedad, has refused to return to the national team.

While the qualification was a huge relief to the footballmad nation, sponsors and broadcasters were spared big losses that experts said could have exceeded \$600 million

Skiing: Olympic champ Vonn has partial ligament tear



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Reigning Olympic downhill champion Lindsey Vonn's return to racing is on hold after a training crash caused new damage to her surgically repaired right knee. Vonn, also a four-time overall World Cup champion, had spent the past few months rehabilitating her surgically repaired right knee in anticipation of a return to competition in the women's alpine World Cup stop at Beaver Creek, Colorado, next week. Now after her training crash at Copper Mountain, it's not clear when she will be able to launch a season set to be highlighted by February's Winter Olympics in Sochi.

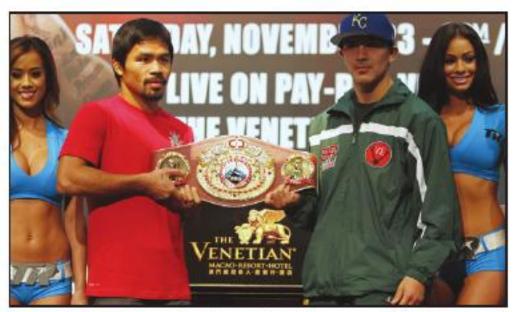
Baseball: Angry A-Rod walks out of grievance 'farce'



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez, fighting to reverse his historic 211-game doping ban, walked out of a grievance hearing Wednesday calling the proceedings a "farce". Rodriguez departed the hearing after arbitrator Fredric Horowitz ruled that Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig wouldn't be required to testify. Rodriguez was banned an unprecedented 211 games in August for taking performance-enhancing drugs including testosterone and human growth hormone.



Boxing: Pacquiao, Rios trainers come to blows



HONG KONG (AFP) Manny Pacquiao's trainer
Freddie Roach was involved in
a physical bust-up with Brandon Rios's team as the build-up
to this weekend's title showdown turned ugly on Wednesday.

Footage showed an angry, expletive-laden row followed

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Tel: 588-9517 / Fax: 588-9518 E-mail: themorningnewsaruba@gmail.com Website: www.themorningnewsaruba.com by Rios's conditioning coach Alex Ariza kicking Roach in the chest as the veteran trainer steps towards him.

Roach had taken Rios's team to task for apparently overshooting their allotted time at training facilities in Macau, which Pacquiao was due to use.

Ariza later admitted kicking Roach, who is 53 and suffers from Parkinson's Disease, but said he had no regrets ahead of Sunday's World Boxing Organisation welterweight title fight.

"You could see the way he (Roach) came in he wanted to kick something off," he said on the footage posted on YouTube by SecondsOut.com.

"He cocked his fists back and to me that's a sign of aggression coming towards me. He got physical and he came at me, and yeah, he got a front kick in the chest. "When you raise your fists at somebody the other person has a right to defend themselves and that's what I was doing."

Roach said Ariza "kicked me like a girl" as the two sides continued to taunt each other beside the training ring set up in the Macau gym.

The two camps have history after Rios did an impression of Roach that infuriated the celebrity trainer because he said it mocked his Parkinson's Disease.

Aruba Cricket team to play in St. Maarten Tournament

ORANJESTAD - Cricket is played with a wider bat than baseball and a ball between two teams of 11 players. It is played on a rectangular field 22 yards long. Every team gets an opportunity to bat and make a run, while the rest of the players of the other team are on the field. The object of the game is to out as many batters as possible. When all batters are out, the rolls change.

Cricket was played for the first time in the 16th century in South England. At the end of the 18th century it was considered the national game of England. Today Cricket is very popular in Australia, England, in the subcontinent of India, the Antilles and South Africa. Slowly the game has become a popular sport on Aruba with more and more people practicing the game. In view of the interest in Cricket, a federation has been brought into life

Aruba's Cricket team has participated in international tournaments. Once more they have been invited to participate in the annual tournament held in St. Maarten. A selection of 13 players and the board of ACA, president Claudio Quandus, secretary Collins and treasurer Karmoeddien are off to St. Maarten. They will play three teams in St. Maarten, 1 game of 20 overs, 1 of 30 overs and 1 of 40 overs,

The Subsidy Commission of the Lotto pa Deporte Foundation believes in the progress of every sport that has a good management plan. Hence, their support of Aruba's Cricket. Despite the fact that Cricket is not a very common game on Aruba, the team is under a responsible management and has the support of Lotto pa Deporte. The Cricket team trains on different fields on the island. We wish them success in St. Maarten!







Boxing: This fight is for you, Pacquiao tells Philippines



MACAO (AFP) - Manny Pacquiao dedicated Sunday's world title bout against Brandon Rios to the typhoon-ravaged people of the Philippines, declaring on Wednesday night: "This fight is for you".

The Filipino great told a press conference ahead of his World Boxing Organisation welterweight title contest in Macau that his thoughts were with his people as they attempt to recover from Typhoon Haiyan which smashed into the Philippines on November 8.

"To all the people and the families who have been affected by this storm, the typhoon -- this fight is for you."

Pacquiao and Rios showed great respect for each other during the press conference, in stark contrast to their respective trainers who were involved in an ugly expletive-laden physical confrontation in the gym at the Venetian Macau resort earlier on Wednesday.

The bout, dubbed the "Clash in Cotai", takes place on Sunday, November 24 at 10:00am in Macau (0200 GMT), 9:00pm Saturday night on the US east coast.

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Football: Top scorer Messi wins record third Golden Shoe

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BARCELONA (AFP) Barcelona's Argentine star
striker Lionel Messi received
his third Golden Shoe award
on Wednesday as the top
league scorer in Europe for his
46 goals in the 2012-2013 season

At the awards ceremony, Messi, 26, shared credit with his Barcelona team mates, Spanish league champions last season and currently leaders of the table.

"I am really pleased. It is a really beautiful prize. It is a recognition of the (Barcelona) dressing room and of all that the team has been doing all year," he said.

Messi is currently sidelined with a torn hamstring after limping off during Barcelona's 4-1 win over Real Betis on November 10 -- his fourth injury in a year.

His club said he could be out of action for up to eight weeks.

The Argentina captain said at Wednesday's ceremony that he was "getting better little by little and luckily there is no more pain".

As for his return to action,



"it all depends on how things go. I will be back, but I will not put a date on when," he added. "My aim is to come back and strengthen my whole body so that nothing goes wrong and I can play without worrying." With 46 goals in 32 league appearances last season, Messi became the first player ever to win three Golden Shoe awards, after bagging it in 2010 and 2012.

He was already the only player to win European football's top individual award, the Ballon d'Or, four times

He was handed Wednesday's award by the club's Bulgarian former star Hristo Stoichkov at a ceremony in Barcelona also attended by team mates including Carles Puyol and Cesc Fabregas.